



H.R.1311 – NEVADA CANCER INSTITUTE EXPANSION ACT

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R.1311 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Shelley Berkley (D-NV) on March 5, 2007. The House Committee on Natural Resources ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent on February 13, 2008.

H.R. 1311 is expected to be considered on the House floor on March 4, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R.1131 allows the Secretary of the Interior to accept an interest in 80 acres of the Alta-Hualapai Site from the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, so that the Secretary may convey a portion of the land to the Nevada Cancer Institute for the expansion of the Institute's cancer treatment facility. The Secretary will then convey any remaining portion of the Alta-Hualapai Site back to the City so that it may be used for a medical or non-profit use that is compatible with the mission of the Institute. The City may then sell the remaining land, and split the profits with the Bureau of Land Management. The bill authorizes the creation of an adjacent park, the development of a flood control project and a water pumping facility, as well as additional commercial projects, which will be paid for by the land sale receipts.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Cancer Institute is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2002, whose purpose is to research and implement new methods in the treatment of cancer. It provides state-of-the-art cancer treatment procedures to persons located in Nevada and through out the United States. Currently, the Institute research and care center is located in a 142,000 square-foot facility.

Las Vegas ranks in the top 10 percent of flood zone communities in the United States, and has a Class 6 rating on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System. This high ranking gives a 20 percent reduction in flood insurance rates to city property owners whose property is located within the flood zone.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that implementing H.R. 1311 would have a negligible impact on the federal budget.

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